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SPOT REPORT FOL-UP NR ONE TO 2/H3/VCK/R438-66,

DTG 17/1015Z SEP 66.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT DOWNED BY SAM NORTHEAST OF HANOI.

FURTHER ANALYSIS OF DRV MULTICHANNEL [REDACTED] COMMS

INTERCEPTED ON 17 SEP 66, BETWEEN 0715Z AND 0745Z, SUBSTANTIATES THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT BY SAM AT 0721Z NORTHEAST OF HANOI.

AT 0733Z A SPEAKER AT THE SITE SAID QUOTE DESTROYED TARGET FOURTEEN UNQUOTE. THIS TRACK (14 - POSS IDENTIFIED AS TWO AIRCRAFT) WAS FIRST REFLECTED IN COMMS 25 NMS NORTHEAST OF THE SITE JUST PRIOR TO 0719Z. BETWEEN THIS TIME AND 0721Z, WHEN THE SOUND OF TWO MISSILE LAUNCHES WAS AUDIBLE THROUGH OPEN MICROPHONE CONDITIONS, NUMEROUS REFERENCES WERE MADE TO TARGETS APPROACHING THE SITE AND ORDERS WERE GIVEN FOR THE TARGET TO BE DESTROYED. POST LAUNCH INFORMATION REVEALED THAT THE SAMs WERE LAUNCHED ON AN AZIMUTH OF 70 DEGREES WITH A SITE TO TARGET RANGE OF NINE NMS. AT THIS TIME THE TARGET WAS FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE OF 6560 FT. FIVE SECONDS SEPARATED THE LAUNCH OF THE TWO MISSILES.

ALTHOUGH THE SPEAKER AT THE SITE WAS CONFUSED AS TO THE VALIDITY OF THE SHOOTDOWN THE SPEAKER AT THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS CONFIRMED IT AT 0734Z BY SAYING QUOTE TARGET WAS DESTROYED UNQUOTE. AT 0729Z THE SPEAKER AT THE SITE REPORTED THAT ONE MISSILE DID NOT EXPLODE.

COMMENTS

NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PILOT OF THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS NOTED. NO ACCURATE LOCATION CAN BE DERIVED FOR THE SAM SITE INVOLVED BUT BELIEVE THIS SITE IS LOCATED BETWEEN TEN AND TWENTY NMS NORTHEAST OF HANOI. TIME OF SHOOTDOWN WAS REVEALED TO BE 0721Z VICE 0720Z AS REPORTED IN ORIGINAL SPOT.

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